

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Agriculture Department – Certain allegations against Sri S. Janardhan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture, West Godavari Dist. (Retd.) - Disciplinary action was initiated under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of withholding of 2% pension permanently – Revision petition submitted – Rejected - Orders – Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 701**

**Dated:20-06-2009**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.223, Agri. & Coop. (Vig.I) Dept., Dt. 1-3-2007
2. From the Revision petition of Sri S.Janardhan Rao, formerly, DDA (FTC), Gopannapalem (Retd) dated 30-4-2009.
3. From the C&DA, Hyd. Lr.No.Vig.I(2)148/2009, dated 21-5-2009.

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**ORDER:-**

In a disciplinary case, Government had initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri S. Janardhan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd), West Godavari District under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980 and the following article of charge was framed against him:

“That Sri S. Janardhan Rao while functioning as Deputy Director of Agriculture, FTC, Gopannapalem from 18-12-99 to 12-7-2002 committed grave misconduct, in as much as he exhibited grave neglect of duty i.e. had conducted enquiry entrusted to him into the allegations in slipshod manner and held that the allegations were not substantiated by recording the statements of the beneficiaries of his choice and thereby he failed to maintain integrity, devotion to duty in violation of provisions of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.”

2. The Charged Officer in his written statement of defence had denied the charge framed against him. A regular inquiry was conducted in to the charge and inquiry officer held the charge proved against the charged officer.

3. Government after following due procedures as per A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 had imposed the penalty of withholding of 2% pension permanently against Sri S. Janardhana Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), West Godavari District under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above.

4. Aggrieved with the above penalty, Sri S. Janardhana Rao, formerly, Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), West Godavari District has filed a review petition, and has stated that orders which were issued vide G.O.Ms.No. 129, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt. 27-5-2003 after his retirement are illegal and arbitrary and that these orders have not yet been served on him till date. He has contended that since the earlier Inquiry Officer ie., Dy. Director of Agriculture had conducted inquiry and submitted a report in the matter, he had made efforts to get the statements from the petitioner only, but there was no malafied intension of him in conducting the enquiry. He has therefore requested the Government to set aside the penalty imposed by the Government vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, as his pensionary benefits are not yet settled due to the penalty imposed against him.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter with reference to the original records available, and the remarks of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad have observed that there are no merits in the appeal, as no new grounds are put forth. Therefore, Government have decided to reject the review petition filed by the individual.

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6. Accordingly, Government hereby reject the Revision petition filed by Sri S. Janardhana Rao, formerly, Joint Director of Agriculture (Retd.), West Godavari District.
7. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
Sri S. Janardhan Rao, JDA(Retd.) West Godavari Dist.  
(through C&DA., A.P., Hyderabad.)

**Copy to:**

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.  
The GP, APAT, Hyderabad with reference to the orders of the Hon'ble APAT in  
O.A.No.4328 of 2009 dated 16-3-2009.  
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

**SECTION OFFICER**